REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment multiple dependencies have been removed. Applicant respectfully requests examination of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS, P.C.

Karin H. Butchko

Registration No. 45,864

Attorneys for Applicant

CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS, P.C.

400 West Maple Road, Suite 350

Birmingham, Michigan 48009

(248) 988-8360

Dated: 9/26/00

N:\Clients\MERITOR\ip00884\PrelimAmend884.doc